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SUBJECT: CALL ON VACLAV DAVID: CLAIMS/GOLD AND MFN

1. AMBASSADOR ON SEPT 8 CALLED ON VACLAV DAVID, CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE OF PEOPLE OF GOC FEDERAL ASSEMBLY AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER. DAVID PROVED WELL-BRIEFED ON HISTORY OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND OUTSTANDING ISSUES. HE LAID IN HEAVILY ON TWO ISSUES THAT WERE ESPECIALLY FAMILIAR TO HIM FROM HIS DAYS AS FOREIGN MINISTER: CLAIMS/GOLD AND MFN. HE APPEARED TO ASSOCIATE THE TWO SUBJECTS IN HIS THINKING, BUT DID NOT MAKE SPECIAL POINT OF LINKAGE, OTHER THAN TO MENTION THEM REPEATEDLY IN SAME SENTENCE.

2. CLAIMS/GOLD: DAVID FOLLOWED WELL-ESTABLISHED LINE THAT THIS ISSUE IS MAJOR BLOCK TO IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS AND THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW CONGRESS COULD BLOCK AGREEMENT REACHED BY EXECUTIVE. HE DID NOT PUSH LATTER POINT AND AT ONE POINT MATTER

OF FACTLY SAID "SENATE HAS TAKEN ACTION AND THE MATTER REMAINS TO BE REOPENED." DAVID DID NOT REBUT AMBASSADOR'S REPLY THAT ISSUES RAISED BY CONGRESS ARE SERIOUS AND THAT, WITH INCREASED BILATERAL TRADE INVOLVED, IT WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A BAD START TO HAVE PAYMENTS AT ONLY ABOUT FORTY CENTS ON THE DOLLAR.

DAVID DID NOT THAT AMBASSADOR BYRNE WAS PERHAPS
THE TENTH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HE HAD DISCUSSED THE ISSUE
WITH, WITH FINAL RESOLUTION STILL NOT ACHIEVED.

3. MFN: DAVID NOTED THAT LACK OF MFN STATUS MADE IT HARD
FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO SELL IN U.S. MARKET AND THAT CZECHOSLOVAKS
HAD TO TRADE MAINLY IN GOODS NOT COVERED BY TRADE ACT. HE RECALLED
THAT MFN WAS ALSO A LONG-STANDING ISSUE AND THAT HE HAD
ONCE POINTED OUT TO SECRETARY RUSK THAT, BY CONTINUING TO REFUSE
MFN, USG WAS DEPRIVING ITS CITIZENS OF IMPORTS OF BEST BEER
IN THE WORLD.

4. COMMENT: DAVID JOINS LINE OF CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS WHO
HAVE GONE QUICKLY TO CLAIMS/GOLD ISSUE DURING AMBASSADOR'S
INITIAL CALLS. THIS EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE GOC PLACES ON THIS
ISSUE AND THE PAINS BEING TAKEN TO BRIEF LEADERS TO PRESS IT
DURING THESE CALLS.
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